

Statement on the Tragic Loss of Teddy Molina

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Sadly, this tragedy is not an isolated case. More young people are turning to suicide as an alternative to being bullied because the concerns they do voice are not appropriately addressed. The intensity of bullying has also increased with new methods of electronic communication, making bullying easier and anonymous. Suicide is the third-leading cause of death among 10-24 year olds.

Public servants, teachers, parents, administrators and students can honor Teddy Molina by taking the national conversation on bullying to a new level, by standing together to craft solutions that stop bullying in communities everywhere – both online and offline. As an educator of more than 30 years and a member of Congress who was bullied as a child, this issue is personal for me.

That's why I've started an Anti-Bullying Caucus in the United States Congress to provide a premier forum for Americans to come together to forge solutions that stop bullying now and forever.

For news on the Teddy Molina tragedy - <http://on.msnbc.com/HAiLyK>